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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

## Notices of Firms.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm in Tientsin, FORAM. Mr. WILFRED CHRISTY is authorized to Sign on our behalf per Procuration.  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

## Intimations.

ROBT. SIM & Co.'s PATENT ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITION  
as supplied to  
Her Majesty's Ships; The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Japanese Mail Company; The Japanese Government.  
Sole Agent, China, Japan, and Manila, EDWARD GEORGE.  
Hongkong, January 31, 1884.

COMPTON D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS.  
MR. J. ARRANGER has been appointed Agent for this Bank in Hongkong.  
E. G. VOUILLEMON, Manager.  
Shanghai, 23rd January, 1884.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH AND FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st December 1883, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.  
REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.  
PROVINCIAL GUARANTIES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.  
Holders of PROVINCIAL GUARANTIES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.  
The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/4d. or \$53.93 per Share.  
Interest at the Rate of 7 1/2 per Cent. Ann. will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st December.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

E. J. DURNY,  
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.  
LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.  
TERMS MODERATE.  
Address,  
c/o THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Third Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of February, 1884, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1883, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th January to 6th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 19, 1884.

### THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, 7th February next, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1884.

### HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the Botanic Gardens on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th February, 1884.  
All Exhibitors must be entered not later than the 11th instant; and PLANTS in Pots should be sent early on the 13th instant.  
Admission:—First Day, 8d; Second Day, 2d.  
Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s. Schedules of Prizes can be obtained from CHARLES FORD, Hon. Secretary.

### HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1883, and for the election of a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

### QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.

PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS by the above Company's Steamers are informed that QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENTS have been reduced at MERSILLES to 24 hours, (performed on board the Steamer), and at VENICE to 3 days.  
QUARANTINE will probably be removed from all ports by the time Steamers now leaving OUEX will arrive in the Mediterranean.  
PASSENGERS by the Company's Steamers have always the option of continuing the journey on to LONDON, on payment of the difference of fare.

A. McIVER,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1884.

### TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

THE TRUSTEES of St. John's Cathedral find themselves compelled to appeal to the liberality of Residents here for assistance in providing the Cathedral with a New ORGAN, the instrument at present in use being so far deteriorated by climatic causes as not to be worth the very extensive repairs which alone could make it serviceable. Its state must have been evident to those who have attended Divine Service for some time back, and it is doubtful whether it can be used much longer.  
The Organ was built in 1600 and paid for by public subscription. An Organ ought, doubtless, to last much longer than 23 years in a good climate, but, besides the fact that the instrument seems to have been made in the first instance of selecting a cheap instrument, in 1860 makers knew even less than they do now about guarding against the effect of tropical heat and damp. Moreover, by the unfortunate shoving up of a roof gutter during a typhoon some years ago, the interior of the Organ (even then beginning to break up) was deluged with water.  
It is proposed to give the order to Messrs. WALKER & SONS, who have just successfully erected a fine Organ at Shanghai, and whose representative has himself seen the damage (incredible to the workman who has never been out of England) which years of this climate are capable of effecting.  
The cost of an Organ suited to the Cathedral, laid down in Hongkong, and including the expenses of a skilled workman to come out and put it up, is estimated at £2,000, say \$12,000. This sum will not be regarded as extravagant if it is borne in mind that pipes which in England are made of deal, glued together, have, for the East, to be made of mahogany, secured with brass screws, everything else being similarly modified. An Organ so prepared should last, with proper care and occasional renewals of perishable parts, fifty or sixty years even in this climate.  
It is evident that such a sum as \$12,000 cannot be provided out of the current revenue of the Cathedral, which only meets, and even that with difficulty, the current expenditure. The Trustees feel assured, however, that the Community will not feel disposed to see the only considerable Organ in the Colony disappear from our midst, and they make this appeal not doubting to meet with the same success as their predecessors a quarter of a century ago.  
Contributions may be forwarded to the CATHEDRAL TREASURER, General Post Office, Hongkong, December 31, 1883.

## For Sale.

### THE PATENT.

#### "FILTRE RAPIDE"

REMOVES ALL ORGANIC and INORGANIC IMPURITIES, LEAD, COPPER, and POISONOUS GASES. IT PURIFIES THE WATER.

It can be taken to pieces and cleaned in every part.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1884.

### SAYLE & Co.'s GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS! AND — GENERAL FURNISHING GOODS.

DRESSES. MILINERY. JACKETS. HOSIERY. RIBBONS. LACES. CALICOES. FLANNELS. SHOES. REMNANTS. REMNANTS. REMNANTS.

COMMENCING ON MONDAY NEXT, the 4th February, and following days.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

## Intimations.

### THE SINGAPORE TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £100,000. IN SHARES OF £100 EACH; \$5 PAYABLE ON APPLICATION; \$20 ON ALLOTMENT; THE REMAINDER MAY BE REQUIRED.

Directors: Hon. JAMES GRAHAM, M.L.C. (Messrs. SYME & Co.) Hon. W. G. GULLAND, M.L.C. (Messrs. PATTERSON, SIMONS & Co.) Hon. ANDREW CURRIE, M.L.C. (Messrs. THE DOUGLAS COMPANY, LIMITED.) JOHN R. CUTTIBERTSON, Esq. (Messrs. BROWN & Co.) T. H. ROBERT, Esq. (Messrs. PUTTICKER, RUSSELL & Co.) JOHN BLAIR, Esq. (TANJONG Pagar Dock Company, LIMITED.) ONG KEE HO, Esq. (Messrs. ONG KEE HO & Co.) JOHN STRAIN, Esq., C.E., Glasgow.

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Applications from China will be received up to the 29th of February, 1884.

Singapore, 8th December, 1883.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.  
ON and after the 1st October, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 14 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

HOP SHING & Co., ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS, COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c., WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced EUROPEAN. Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883.

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By Dr. E. J. EVEL.

CROWN OCTAVO, PP. 1018.

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This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Dictionary of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

### PUBLICATIONS BY J. DYER BALL.

"CANTONESE MADE EASY"—A Book of SIMPLE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE DIALECT, with Free and Literal Translations; and Directions for Reading English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, \$2. Interleaved Copies, \$2.50.

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884.

### FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, \$20 per doz. Case. Pints, \$21 per doz.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 20, 1883.

### THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL OF LOGAN AT CANTON.

THE CHINA MAIL has been printed in PAMPHLET FORM, and is now on Sale.—Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

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WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

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No. 25B, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
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PRAYA EAST AND WANCHAI ROAD. For Particulars, apply to STEINSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

### TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. For further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

Geo. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

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## Notices to Consignees.

### INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Louisa* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1884.

### STEAMSHIP "SAOHALIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

### NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamships *Indus* and *Thrace*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 10 a.m. To-day, the 30th instant, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 6th February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All Claims must be sent in to me before the 8th February or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

I. MARTIN, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1884.

### UNION LINE.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Harve*, Captain GRANT, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected. Optional cargo will be forwarded on to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary be before 10 a.m. To-morrow, 2nd Feb. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 8th inst. or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

### Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s Steamer *"Amundsen"*.

Captain S. G. GREEN, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 12th February.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. on the 11th February.

Contents and value of the Packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 10, 1884.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *"Hector"*.

Capt. BILLING, will be despatched on or about the 13th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884.

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND.)

The Steamship *"Woonan"*.

Captain HUNT, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th February, at 4 p.m.

This Vessel has unusually good Cabin Accommodation, situated amidships, upon the upper deck.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1884.

### UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *"Selenaria"*, will be despatched for the above Port on or about FRIDAY, the 15th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 26, 1884.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA, VIA SAIGON AND PONTIANAK.

The Co.'s Steamship *"Compta"*.

Capt. KRAMER, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884.

THE AUSTRALASIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIA PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)

The Steamship *"Buzina"*.

Captain FETTER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 8th February, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

### STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *"Bangalore"*.

will leave for the above place on SATURDAY, 9th February, at 2 p.m.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/4 L.L. American Ship *"Lafayette"*.

HYLER, Master, shortly due, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick dispatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 26, 1884.

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THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.



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(Opposite the Commercial Bank),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA**  
BACON  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
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Soda BISCUITS.  
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Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

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TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND HOSIEN.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM**  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
BRINDISI, Captain J. REYNOLDS, with  
her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched  
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY  
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the  
5th February, at 4 p.m.  
Cargo will be received on board until  
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.  
Passes and Space (Cabin) at the Office  
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.  
Silk and Valuables for Europe will be  
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eral Cargo for London will be conveyed  
on Bombay without transhipping, arriving  
one week later than by the ordinary direct  
route via Colombo.  
For further Particulars, regarding  
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the  
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.  
The Consignee and Value of Packages are  
required to be declared prior to shipment.  
Shippers are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Black Bills of Lading.  
N.B.—This steamer takes Cargo and Pas-  
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A. McVIE, Superintendent.  
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The Co.'s Steamship  
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Capt. T. G. Pocock, will  
be despatched for the  
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Noon, instead of as previously advertised.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
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**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR SHANGHAI.  
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for CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIEN-  
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The Co.'s Steamship  
"Antenor,"  
will be despatched at 2  
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HUTCHINGS & SWIRE,  
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**CIGARS.**  
J. M. FLEMING'S "



Yesterday forenoon, the Rev. Dr. Chalmers, of the London Missionary Society, conducted the service in Union Church, and, at the close of his sermon, appealed to his congregation for subscriptions on behalf of the Society to which he belongs. In doing so, Dr. Chalmers said when he took over charge of the mission from Mr. Edge a year ago, there were six Chinese schools conducted under its auspices. Now there were thirty, for boys and four for girls, with an attendance of eleven hundred. Over six hundred of the scholars had passed the Government standard; and nearly the same number had been examined in scriptural knowledge, a large proportion of them making a good appearance. Dr. Chalmers said the grant-in-aid system established by the Government of this Colony deserved the highest praise. It offered Christian teachers of all denominations a splendid opportunity of disseminating Christian knowledge among the children of the Chinese population.

By some oversight, no means were provided for taking the subscriptions of those who did not wait until the sacrament was dispensed; and a number of those who attended the service were, consequently, unable to give their offering.

It seems now to be pretty certain that Captain Hermann of the *Chinkiang*, and those other Europeans on board the vessel who were reported in Saturday's paper as missing, are drowned. No intelligence respecting the wreck, or the survivors, beyond that we published on Saturday has been received by the Agents here up to this evening. We learn, however, that one of the Chinese survivors states that the great loss of life was mainly owing to the panic that ensued among the Chinese crew. When the vessel struck she remained for a time on the ledge of rocks, and the work of launching the boats was commenced. Then the Chinese asserted themselves. Eleven of them scrambled into the first boat that was launched and rowed away; the second boat was launched in such a hurried and haphazard way that it was swamped; and when the third boat touched the water, nine Chinese, including the commander, got into her and went away, leaving the rest to their fate. Not a single European got away in the boats. All might have gone well for those left on board had not the vessel slipped off the ledge of rocks into deep water. It is supposed that when this occurred the Captain and the two mates, who were on deck, were drowned. The other Europeans had got into the rigging. Mr. Dakin, the European passenger, and Mr. Risk, the chief engineer, are supposed to have dropped off the rigging during the night, but the second and third engineers—the only two Europeans saved—were taken off the rigging in the morning by the fishing boat. We understand Mr. Risk and Mr. Dakin were known by the European survivors to be in the rigging before them, but they were missed in the course of the night.

This afternoon, the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, and a jury, consisting of Messrs C. L. Gorman, F. J. R. Schwartzkopf, and W. P. Moore, enquired into the cause of the death of a Chinaman whose lifeless body was removed from the Tung Wah Hospital to the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday last. The body bore all the signs of opium poisoning, and, according to the evidence of one of the officials of the Tung Wah Hospital, deceased admitted before he died that he had taken opium. According to the other evidence in the case, the deceased man visited a brothel in West Street, about eleven o'clock on the 1st instant, and asked to see one of the inmates with whom he had a previous acquaintance. He was not allowed to remain in the house, however, the mistress of the brothel ordering the inmate he came to see to take him away home, as he was tipsy. Owing to the disappearance of the woman who left the brothel with deceased, the Police have been unable to discover where he went to or what he did with himself until three o'clock on the afternoon of the same day, when deceased's landlord turned him and the woman out of his house because they were quarrelling about a jacket. About half an hour afterwards, the landlord says he heard a noise in the street, and saw deceased being supported by the woman and another man, who said deceased had taken opium. The landlord refused to allow deceased to be taken into the house and told the man to take him to his doctor. This was done, and the woman took deceased to the Tung Wah Hospital, where he died at two o'clock next morning. He was twenty-four years of age, and had been out of work for some time. The enquiry was adjourned until next Monday, to give the Police of further opportunity of searching for this missing woman, for whom diligent enquiries have already been made. It is presumed that she has run away to Canton to avoid being connected with the case.

In the last issue of our official Sunday morning publication, the *Government Gazette*, is published the Royal Instructions with reference to the reconstruction of the Executive and Legislative Councils, dated Windsor, 28th December last. These instructions are mainly a formal confirmation of changes with which our readers are already well acquainted, but it is worth noting that the Chamber of Commerce and the Justices of the Peace are not mentioned in them as the elective bodies for two of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council; in

fact neither the Chamber of Commerce nor the Justices of the Peace are referred to in the document. This is all that is said about the reconstruction of the Legislative Council, and the mode of filling up vacancies in future.

"XII.—Our said Legislative Council shall consist of the persons for the time lawfully discharging the functions of Chief Justice, Colonial Secretary, and Attorney-General of our said Colony, and of such other persons holding office in the Colony, and not exceeding three in number at any one time, as may from time to time appoint by any instructions or warrants under our Sign Manual and Signet, and all such persons shall be styled official members of our said Legislative Council; and further of such persons, not exceeding five in number at any one time, as may immediately before the receipt of these our instructions in the Colony unofficial members of our said Council, or as may from time to time appoint by the like instructions or warrants to be unofficial members thereof.

"Every unofficial member of our said Legislative Council shall vacate his seat at the end of six years from the date of the instrument by which he is appointed. "If any member of our said Council not holding one of the three offices mentioned in this article shall die, or become incapable, or be suspended, or removed from his seat in the Council, or be absent from the Colony, or if he shall, with permission of the Governor, resign his seat by writing addressed to the Governor, or by an instrument under the public seal of the Colony, appoint in his place a fit person to be provisionally a member of the said Council.

"Such person shall forth-with cease to be a member of our said Council, and if he is a member in whose place he was appointed shall return to the Colony, or shall be released from suspension, or shall be declared by the Governor capable of again discharging his functions in the said Council.

"The Governor shall, without delay, report to us, for our confirmation or disallowance, through one of our Principal Secretaries of State, every provisional appointment of any person as an official or unofficial member of our said Council. Every such person shall hold his seat during our pleasure, and the Governor may by an instrument under the public seal of the Colony revoke any such appointment."

This means no doubt that the retention of the privilege of the Chamber of Commerce and the Justices of the Peace to elect two members will depend on the decision of the Governor, subject to the approval of the home authorities. It is probable that the Chamber and the Justices will continue to exercise this newly acquired privilege; still, if we get a second Sir John Pope Hennessy here, they might be deprived of it, and the Governor would place upon the Council such unofficial members as he pleased, provided he could get the home authorities to support his choice. We do not regard this exactly as a satisfactory position; nor do we think it is altogether in accordance with the wishes and intentions of the present occupant of Government House. It simply amounts to this: that the Chamber of Commerce and the Justices of the Peace are not the constituted elective bodies for two members of the Council, but that the appointment of the whole five unofficial members of our legislature remains in the hands of the Governor, subject to the home authorities approving of his appointments. It is an excellent exemplification of the way how not to do a thing, and we should be glad to see some further Royal Instructions issued on the subject. There may be a difficulty in the way of the Home Government recognising as an elective body at assembly like the Chamber of Commerce, which has no official existence and might dwindle to nothingness, or get so low as to be brought under the manipulation of a few individuals; but further Royal Instructions could be issued to meet such a case as this, and we do think that a little more satisfactory and permanent settlement of the way in which unofficial members of the Council are to be elected in future could be made than is done in the Royal Instructions under consideration.

During the rough weather that the *Peking* experienced on her way up to Shanghai from Hongkong, the steamer broke one of the blades of her propeller. This, however, does not much interfere with her speed, and she has left again for the south.

A New York lady says of Mrs. Langtry:— "Whatever her merits may be otherwise, she is a marvel of style and good taste. Her hair is a revelation to American women, who have so long sought beauty by false fronts and dirty, foggily-looking frizzes. Mrs. Langtry's hair is a dark, glossy brown, worn in neatly-brushed coils, shiny as satin. It is the closest and handsomest head of hair I ever saw, and she never spoils it with an ornament. If she has set the American women to buying English brushes and using them, she has done a good work, and we can credit to her for it. This is a jay for the small-footed fair ones who wear two-dollar bangs in the land of the free."

We mentioned recently that the C.M.S.N. Co. had received instructions to carry all the tribute rice. In consequence of this order, the junk-men will be deprived of a considerable source of revenue, and consequently are very angry with the C.M.S.N. Co. It is rumoured that they have threatened to burn their offices down. There is little to fear from such threats, as the Chinese when they are angry threaten to do all kinds of unpleasant things to their opponents, but seldom carry their vapourings into execution. We have heard of a Chinese correspondent severely condemning Li Hung-chang for his action in the present affair, as eight or nine thousand men, he says, will thereby be thrown out of employment.—N.C.D. News.

Has Zerkel any believers remaining? If so, some of his prophecies for next year will be read with alarm. In January a metropolitan theatre is to be destroyed by fire. In February there is to be great excitement, if not panic, in London, and much sickness. In March weeks will be numbered. In April the Director-General will be "through with causes." May will bring forth "some turbulence or acts of violence." June will witness an epidemic of diarrhoea; July fires and wanton outrages; and great excitement on 'Change; troubles will be in August; in September public buildings in London will require protection. In October Europe will be convulsed by changes; in Nov. "a person of high authority in England" will be in trouble; and in December political disputes will run high. They don't usually in December. But altogether the scene is rather vague, if not commonplace. Perhaps, as he approaches the sixtieth year of his age, he is beginning to enter his dotage. *Figaro*.

We hear that the Secretary of the Shanghai Cricket Club has addressed to the commandant-in-chief of H.M.S. *Champion*, a very strong and well grounded complaint against the action of the officer in charge of the men who were ashore drilling recently. It appears that a member of the Cricket Club, whose residence overlooks the race-course, was considerably surprised on observing the men of the *Champion* dragging a Gatling gun and a field-piece into the cricket-ground, and making evident preparations to go through their drill there. He hurried to the ground and informed the officer in charge that he was trespassing on private property, but the officer refused to give way, saying that the ground inside the race-course was too swampy for his purpose. The member of the Cricket Club remonstrated, and pointed out that the effect of exercising on the turf with heavy guns would be to seriously damage the ground and put the Club to considerable expense. These representations will no doubt prevent similar misunderstandings in future.—N.C.D. News.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to us from on board H.B.M.'s corvette *Curlew*, at present in Chinkiang, sends us the following with regard to the man-of-war's recent visit to the scene of the wreck:—The *Curlew* arrived at the wreck of the ill-fated steamer on the 14th inst. about 4 p.m. Everything had previously been made ready for our divers to commence at once operations; but the weather proved too rough, and as it was getting dark orders were subsequently given to anchor all round the wreck. The leadmen sounded at high water, and fathoms, at ebb-tide between sixteen and seventeen. Both lower masts heads were visible at low water; but by high tide nothing could be seen of the wreck's masts, as a long pole was used to the *Frederick's* foremast head, with a large red flag to denote the site of the vessel. The wreck lies about 2,000 yards from either side of the islands or rocks. The bottom of the sea is there very muddy and the *Frederick's* divers were already completely covered with it. I don't think it will be possible to save anything out of her. Seeing that the vessel had a cargo consisting of rice and Chinese cornmeal, it would make any salvaging operations all the more dangerous, as it may be expected that the cargo having sunk, the vessel would burst into flame. In the meantime, fishery boats, as usual, stand at this vicinity notorious for being a rather piratical tendency, have been busy in removing everything from the wreck that they could get away with. They have been carrying away the *Frederick's* fore and mainmast; all the wire and rope rigging which could be managed to get off has also been taken away. As we found that it was impossible to do anything at the wreck, we left the scene again on the evening of the 15th, for Ningpo and Chinkiang.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

**YACHT RACE.**  
The race for the East Point Sugar Refinery's Cup, presented by the European employees of the Company, was sailed on Saturday afternoon. The start was made from the Naval Dock Sheds, Kowloon, round a mark boat off Green Island, thence round the Channel Rocks, and finishing at the *Mamoa*.

The following were the entries and stations:—  
Station No. 1, Mr. Nemo's Sunbeam, 7 tons  
Station No. 2, Mr. Tripp's Scud, 4 " "  
Station No. 3, Mr. Wolker's Arrow, 5 " "  
Station No. 4, Mr. Falconer's Table, 6 " "  
Station No. 5, Mr. McCallum's Eva, 7 " "  
Station No. 6, Mr. Taylor's Obsession, 7 " "  
Station No. 7, Mr. Smith's Jay, 8 " "  
Station No. 8, Mr. Bick's Iris, 4 " "

The Arrow and Jay had to concede the Eva 3 min., Sunbeam 10 min., Iris 12 min., and Thistle 25 min. The Eva had to allow the Sunbeam and Scud 5 min., Obsession 7 min., Iris 9 min., and Thistle 22 min. The Sunbeam and Scud had to allow Obsession 2 min., Iris 4 min., and Thistle 12 min. Iris allowed Thistle 13 min.

All the yachts except the Jay were in line and a good start was effected at 1.10 by Captain Kennett, of the British barque *Walls* Castle, with a good breeze blowing from the North-east. All the yachts heeded their light canvas, and, keeping well together, a splendid race took place to the mark boat off Green Island, which was rounded in the following order:—

1. Eva, 2. Sunbeam, 3. Iris, 4. Arrow, 5. Thistle, 6. Scud, 7. Jay.

The others being considerably behind were not timed. After leaving the Rocks a fast run was made to the *Mamoa*, which was reached as follows:—

1. Eva, 2. Sunbeam, 3. Iris, 4. Arrow, 5. Thistle, 6. Scud, 7. Jay.

**NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.**  
(From Our Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 28.  
The annual meeting of representatives of lawn tennis clubs has been held at the Claridge Hotel. It was agreed that tennis clubs wishing to propose any resolutions at the annual meeting should give notice of the terms of such resolutions, through their secretaries, in the *Field* on or before 15th November each year. It was proposed and agreed to that advantage sets be played in all championship matches. It was proposed but not carried that the final and concluding set only be an advantage set. There was some talk about one man scoring and umpiring, but Mr. Lawford said he had never seen an important match played with an umpire. No alterations were made in the height of net, size of the courts and weight of the balls for the coming season. The fixtures announced were Northern Asson, Liverpool, June 10th and 21st, Wimbledon, July 6th, Buxton open meeting August 11th, Bath May 20th, Championship of Ireland May 19th. The All-England Club proposes to hold four handicap matches, after the play for the Championship at Wimbledon.

To prove the attractiveness of billiards proper with the spot stroke left out, the proprietors of the Aquarium offered a £50 silver cup for a match between John Roberts Jr. and Joseph Bennett, the game to be 4,000 up, the spot stroke barred and Bennett receiving 400 points. During the first day Roberts showed to great advantage. By five play he rapidly drew up and before the first 1,000 was called he had wiped off the start he had given. Amongst other breaks made by the champion were 115, 131, 132. Bennett's best were 53, 83 and 74. At the end of the first day Roberts was 2,000, Bennett 1,700. Roberts is undoubtedly the best billiard player, and in this match he has shown that he is unquestionably the champion. His play is marvellous, and his win by 847 points proves beyond a doubt that he has not met with his equal in this country. Bennett played a fine game, but the brilliant form showed by the champion was altogether too much quality for him.

Bartholomew Binns, the executioner, has regained his laurels. Fortunately for him, in the execution of O'Donnell with the eyes of England upon him, his work was performed with precision and celerity. While being pinioned the prisoner showed great firmness, a slight smile playing over his features while the adjustment of the straps went on. Without any assistance he walked to the scaffold, he uttered no word nor sound, quietly allowed the black cap to be drawn over his face and in a moment was hurled into eternity. Passing down Chesapeake about 10 o'clock, a tall powerful man, with a Gladstone bag crossed over, followed by a crowd, and this proved to be Binns. I saw by the evening papers that he had some little difficulty in escaping the attention of the police.

It appears to me if I were a centre or other Fenian fellow that the simplest mode of avenging the death of numbers of the Brotherhood would be to issue orders for the assassination of the hangman. This would be far more efficacious than the blowing up of the Law Courts or the Mansion House, for, after three or four hangmen had met their death, there would be great difficulty in obtaining a candidate for the post. The public buildings are again being guarded by the police to avert any of the damage threatened.

The papers still continue to obtain money under false pretences. On Wednesday we were harrowed with "Plot against the Premier. Exciting scenes at Hawarden." Imagination immediately indulged in the wildest flights, ending in the purchase of a penny paper. The moblith out of this big mountain consisted of a dozen rural police constables collected together from the four winds of heaven, that is the adjacent villages, under an inspector, and a night's watch and ward over Hawarden Castle, where, by the way, the Premier was not sleeping. Where the exciting scene came in I failed to find out and everybody else.

Binns being elsewhere fully occupied, his place had to be taken by a substitute to hang Joseph Poole, a prominent Fenian. You will have had almost enough of these dreadful rites, but the proceedings were so unusual that I venture to record them. The execution yard was a small rectangular space, forty feet by eighteen by twenty, surrounded by high walls. At the end, a high heading of rough boards shut out the gallows from view. The platform, shoulder high, was painted black; a little before eight a procession appeared. There was a boy first, bearing a crucifix, then the "parson all so gloom," next the prisoner, dressed appropriately in black, next another priest, then the prison governor, the doctor, a dozen warders, and last, a boy with a bottle of sherry in case the condemned man required "keeping up." The executioner did the adjustment of straps &c. on the scaffold with much deliberation, the condemned man never flinching. The latter himself gave the sign and the bolt was drawn. The body appeared, but the oscillation of the rope showed all was not over. All peered into the pit, the executioner ran round below, but it was fortunately found that the man was quite dead.

We have had our first fall of snow in London. Upon looking out upon the

familiar house tops and chimney pots, all the dwellers in the great city beheld transformed to halls of dazzling light. Speculation is rampant upon the subject of ice at Christmas, hood boots and skates are being looked up, and all of us have shivered up in the frosty air after the late diabolical depressing dampness. I suppose frost means hardship for the poor, and we are all of us very sorry for that, but many of us are gainers by King Frost reigning supreme at Christmas, for a rainy Christmas does not produce that opening of the heart and purse string that stinging freezing weather is famous for. The proprietor of the big piece of water at Hendon must frame his prayers on a different form to those of hunting men, and should the winter prove hard, his banking account will show how London appreciates the fine stretch of ice he keeps in such good condition. I think it was three years back that he made his big haul, when every morning he wired to every club the condition of the Welsh Harp ponds.

We are beginning to get very tired of the Franco-China squabble. We don't get any "forrader." Every two or three days the papers give us the cry of war in the shape of "Imminent War" in large capitals, but the next morning it is found relegated to a very minor space.

The modes of life and earning a living in this vast city are many and various, but it has been reserved to an inhabitant of Greenwich to keep the wolf very effectively from the door by running a bogus fire brigade. For a long time he succeeded with little trouble in extracting subscriptions from the burghers of the river side suburb, but at length the "gaff was blown." The broad glare of the police court played on the members of the committee. J. Jones, Esq. had gone away; W. Rose, Esq. was a butcher, B. Jones, Esq., a hatter, and the rest of the committee, and of the two others nothing could be heard. The hon. secretary kept a small stationer's shop. There was an escape but it had been anchored to the same spot for years, and would undoubtedly fall to pieces if used, and the "pump," stationed in Brixton, was simply an exaggerated squint kept in a household pail. Last October the entire brigade was looked up, being drunk while in charge of the engine. Probably a handsome addition to the contributions came at Christmas in the shape of Christmas boxes for the "brave firemen," and their emolument has been missed by a police court publicity which has dispersed this pleasant fiction. "The brigade" was surely the weakest on record. It consisted of three collectors of subscriptions, one assistant and one superintendent.

(To be Continued.)

**Police Intelligence.**  
(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)  
Monday, Feb. 4.

Ching Yung was sent to prison for six months, the first and last 14 days to be spent in solitary confinement for stealing clothing, value \$4. It appears that prisoner visited the prosecutor, Wan Tai, Esq., a friend, who gave him shelter for the night. After taking his leave in the morning, the clothing (three jackets) was missed. As it was afterwards proved that prisoner had taken them and pawned them for \$1.80, he was sentenced as above. Prisoner admitted two previous convictions.

Tung Ahing, a chair coolie, was fined five dollars or the alternative of 14 days' hard labour for disorderly conduct outside the Cathedral during the service yesterday morning. Defendant went to prison.

(Before Both Magistrates.)

Chun Ahin who was remanded on the 1st instant, and was charged with stealing a packet of broken silver from the person of one Leung Apok, was again before the Court this morning and convicted and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour. Prisoner had two previous convictions for picking pockets, the sentence in one case being six months and in the other nine months.

Leung Awing, 16 years of age, was charged with stealing a silver bangle from the person of a girl, nine years of age, in Stanley Wai. The girl stated that prisoner went up behind her, put one hand over her eyes, took a bangle from her arm with the other, and ran away. Prisoner was caught by a tailor who witnessed the theft, and handed him over to the Police. He was sentenced to two years' hard labour. He had five previous convictions against him.

**Swatow.**  
(From a Correspondent.)

Swatow, 2nd February.  
Chinese New Year's day was a very quiet affair here, in its way. The rumoured massacre of Europeans did not come off, and the *Ek*, sent to prevent the expected catastrophe, had simply to kill time. She got up steam and left on the 30th.

We have had very mild weather for this time of the year. The nights, however, have been very windy during the last two or three days. On the night of the 31st there was a fresh breeze blowing. The *Tung-ching* was moored to Messrs Schaar & Co's buoy, which at ten o'clock was found to have parted its chain, and buoy and steamer were carried down by the flood tide. The creditable way in which Captain Andrew managed his vessel, however, prevented further mishaps, but also had a "close shave" from colliding with the *Wenchow*.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have about completed an extensive addition to their Sugar Refinery. In a short time more pure White Sugar will be made in large quantities. In order to do this, it is necessary to have an increased supply of water. For this purpose a large reservoir is being excavated, at a cost of several thousand dollars, in which will be stored the yield of tropical streamlets in the rainy season.

The community are about to meet with the loss of two efficient public servants. The Acting British Consul, Mr. Geo. Phillips, will proceed to another port; and Mr. Geo. Brown, Consul Interpreter, will go home on furlough. Mr. Phillips has rendered valuable service to our nationalities as well as his own. Mr. Brown has also acted as Postmaster, and in that capacity has proved a model of all that is obliging and courteous, something the more highly appreciated for the reason that courtesy is not always considered a requisite for the incumbent of such a post.

The troublesome magnate known as the Chong Hai Magistrate has been removed and a respectable successor has taken his place. This is matter of great satisfaction to all foreign residents. The former was a hater of foreigners, pressing his bitter opposition without judgment or reason, a fair sample of the kind of ignorant and headstrong officials that get China into trouble. He has not gone far, however. He is transferred to the adjoining district, which is really a promotion, as the new district yields him a larger income than the old one did. This favour, being shown to one whose conduct had to be made matter of complaint by foreign officials, suggests that the higher authorities were rather gratified with his course than otherwise. He is a well kept specimen of the old time fossilized official; not necessarily gifted with brains, but largely endowed with stubbornness.

Great sympathy is felt for Captain Goodrich, who has been granted a furlough, whose good wishes, if they could be utilised to-day, would put him in command of a much larger boat than was the *Albatross*. Oranges are in their prime, and great quantities are being shipped to other ports. This trade has given considerable employment to the steamers have taken the place of sailing vessels. Every man who has an orange grove (and there are thousands of such) reaps a special profit that he never would have had if the old-fashioned junks had not been driven out.

Complacently few Chinese here apprehend what a boon those cameras are to them. Now-a-days a famine is impossible; in junk days it was not uncommon. These unwieldy hulks, that took half a year to make a voyage, could not go there with cargoes of rice. In this respect a great privation.—*The Star in the East*.

**Tientsin.**

14th January, 1884.  
I hardly know what to say of news and political affairs; for editors, after having been passed, are continually altered and fresh ones issued.

Li Hung-tzu at the Grand Council the other day proposed that Li Hung-chang should go to the King of Siam; Prince Kung opposed this proposition, and said it was necessary for Li to remain where he would be able to treat with the French. If they should come in a friendly manner, His Majesty thought Prince Kung was right. Li Hung-tzu thought Prince Kung could perhaps do it better than Li; and he was the late report of Li Hung-chang going to Canton, Tsan Kun-Chuan, for Ohlhi; Wa Tsing, High Northern Foreign Commissioner, with Chang Pei-lung as his assistant, is all passed.

Prince Kung is to come here to inspect all the forts next month, and rumour says this is because Mr. Frandis inspected them a few days ago, to acquaint Admiral Meyer with all particulars concerning them. This may account for Mr. Frandis's absence from Tientsin lately.

The Chinese here attribute the very mild weather, and the reason that there is no ice in the river, to the beautiful phenomenon that occurs at the rising and setting of the sun. It has the appearance of the reflection of a very large fire, but if the weather is windy then there is no glow in the sky. A great many say it is because of the difficulty with France.

Kai Ping coal mine shares are going down in value, although the canal and river is open. The Chinese inform me there is another hitch at the mines. Shares here are falling.

Mr. Singsen says he has sold in Europe awaiting sale amounting to T. 30,000,000, therefore he is not able to meet his creditors; this is what is said to be reported to the Emperor.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is trying to negotiate Peking-Yuling loan of T. 6,000,000.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

**WAR TAXES AT CANTON.**

A proclamation issued by the chief Leken Bureau of the province of Guangdong Whereas the merchants Ho Yung-shing, Mei Tuh-jung and others, have petitioned this Bureau stating "that owing to the present emergency of sea-coast defence, methods should be devised to secure funds for the purpose, in which all who eat of the food of the land, and who walk the earth, should exert their strength in assisting the Emperor."

The petitioners Ho and Mei, having been merchants for a number of years in the metropolis of Canton and Fat-shan, know that these have always been a tax levied on money. That for every hundred taels loaned out a tax of 2 candareens is levied, and for every hundred taels sold 2 mace. Now in Canton there is no limit made for money loaned out by banks, but the taxes on such monies are paid in a lump sum; hence the tax is not paid over for them only amounts to 700 to 800 taels. But in Fat-shan there is a rule that the banks should pay a monthly tax to the Leken Bureau of T. 250. In view of this, it may be seen that the yearly revenue hitherto collected from these two cities in this matter is comparatively small. Now, it is only wealthy people who are able to deposit large sums in the banks, and it seems that these very men have never paid anything to the Leken offices in the shape of this tax. The petitioners therefore consider this to be unjust.

At the present moment money is urgently needed for military purposes; of this the petitioners are perfectly aware, and it is our duty to our Emperor to assist him in every way. The petitioners therefore propose that the usual monthly tax of 2 candareens be levied on every hundred taels loaned out, and an extra tax of 2 candareens monthly be made on every hundred taels deposited in the banks, making thus a tax of 4 candareens on both borrower and lender, in order to assist in the Sea Coast Defence Force. There will be no addition on the ordinary rate of amount of 2 candareens every hundred taels sold. They, the petitioners, therefore pray that the duty of collecting these taxes be granted to them for the space of ten years, and for this privilege they propose to give the Government the sum of \$50,000 a year. War Tax, making a total of \$500,000 for ten years, an extra allowance to be made for intercalary months. On permission being granted to the petitioners to do this, they will commence work at once. And upon the issue of a proclamation to that effect, the petitioners will pay over within ten days of it, the sum of \$100,000, because the Bureau is in need of money. Their sum is to be deducted for the first three years at the rate of \$30,000 a year, from the money to be contributed by the petitioners each year, making their yearly contribution for three years at \$20,000. On the fourth year, the petitioners will contribute the sum of \$40,000, \$10,000 being deducted for the

money lent before. At the commencement of the 6th year the regular contribution of \$50,000 will be made by the petitioners. This will be an advantage for all parties.

This procedure will not increase the burden on banks which loan out money; the addition will simply be on the wealthy classes who deposit money in banks. Moreover, the tax on their money is so insignificant that they will never feel it. The truth, however, is that the petitioners should not state this proposition, and it only requires extra courage to do so, and it only requires extra courage to do so, and it only requires extra courage to do so.

They pray that the Bureau may grant their petition, upon which the petitioners will propose certain rules to regulate the mode of procedure, and give a bond for the first advance of \$100,000, upon presentation of the Bureau, the petitioners will be paid over at once; Petitioners then certify the Bureau's report that the said sum is correct. They also pray that the Bureau may deputise a *se-wei-n* to assist them in establishing the necessary offices for the work, and then issue a proclamation to the effect that "From the time that the 'Chong Hai' Magistrate has been removed, the Bureau's report that the said sum is correct. They also pray that the Bureau may deputise a *se-wei-n* to assist them in establishing the necessary offices for the work, and then issue a proclamation to the effect that "From the time that the 'Chong Hai' Magistrate has been removed, the Bureau's report that the said sum is correct. 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Amathea	5	h	Landmann	Ger.	str.	1097	Jan.	29 Siemens & Co.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Castellano	5	h	Vogochoa	Span.	str.	212	Jan.	23 Remedios & Co.	Klloon Du	
China	2	h	Focken	Ger.	str.	448	Jan.	25 Yuen Fat Hong		
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Compta	5	c	Reudler	Dutch	str.	1291	Feb.	4 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Batavia, &c.	
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Euxine	5	c	Peters	Brit.	str.	978	Jan.	18 Russell & Co.	Port Darwin, &c.	8th inst.
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Gloefdaang	5	h	Wagener	Ger.	str.	900	Jan.	20 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		7th inst.
Gloefdaang	5	h	Burch	Brit.	str.	1418	Feb.	3 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Gluckburg	5	h	Bertelsen	Ger.	str.	917	Jan.	20 Order		
Hailoon	5	h	Ashton	Brit.	str.	277	Feb.	2 Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy, &c.	To-day
Hainan	5	h	Woono	Brit.	str.	281	Nov.	28 Long & Co.		
Heron	5	h	Wagner	Brit.	str.	1136	Feb.	2 Siemens & Co.	Amoy, &c.	To-day
Hesperia	5	h	Gardner	Brit.	str.	1865	Feb.	1 David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Hankow, &c.	
Kailang	5	c	Webber	Brit.	str.	1016	Feb.	3 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Hankow, &c.	
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Mendous	5	h	Seaton	Brit.	str.	1841	Feb.	20 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Strait and Calcutta	
Mingkatat	5	c	Loff	Brit.	str.	859	Feb.	3 Yuen Fat Hong	Amoy and Shanghai	To-day
Mora	5	c	Duncan	Brit.	str.	1427	Jan.	25 Adamson, Bell & Co.	Bangkok	
Nam-vian	5	h	Leredde	Fch.	str.	435	Jan.	9 A. R. Marty	Saigon	Klloon D
Naushan	5	h	Blackburne	Brit.	str.	305	Jan.	25 Captain	Cos'tan' D	
Ocean	5	h	Stratton	Brit.	str.	1039	Jan.	31 Tung Kee & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Pile Chom Kiao	5	h	Stratton	Brit.	str.	1011	Jan.	31 Yuen Fat Hong	Swatow, &c.	
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Rory	5	h	Marand	Brit.	str.	1262	Feb.	4 G. M. S. N. Co.		
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Tromp	5	h	Reo	Dutch	str.	137	Oct.	11 Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
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Vortgers	5	h	Boysen	Ger.	str.	612	Jan.	26 Wisler & Co.		
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Antioinette	5	c	Bunje	Brit.	bge.	884	Jan.	7 Morris & N. Co.		
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Charley	5	c	Cheestham	Brit.	bge.	359	Jan.	22 Order		
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Francisca	5	c	Gontard	Ger.	bge.	368	Jan.	31 Siemens & Co.	London	
Friedrich	5	c	Thidart	Ger.	bge.	672	Dec.	15 Russell & Co.		
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Queen of India	5	c	Maher	Brit.	bge.	330	Jan.	22 Butterfield & Swire		
Quickstep	5	c	Jacobson	Amer.	bge.	402	Feb.	1 Russell & Co.		
Rachel	5	c	Alfisch	Brit.	bge.	282	Feb.	3 Chinese	Tientsin	put back
Loetzel Fish	5	c	Hyler	Amer.	sh.	1844	Feb.	2 Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Sarah	5	c	Donne	Amer.	bge.	628	Dec.	1 Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Sin Kolga	5	h	Dang	Brit.	bge.	541	Jan.	27 Captain		
Spartan	5	c	Vincent	Amer.	sch.	80	May	30 W. H. Ray	Hamburg	
St. Ideus	5	c	Dirand	Amer.	sch.	236	Jan.	16 Carlowitz & Co.		
St. Louis	5	c	Mohr	Ger.	bge.	256	Jan.	7 Melchers & Co.		
Three Brothers	5	h	Kahleke	Brit.	bge.	369	Jan.	18 Es Tye Hong		
Titan	5	c	Norris	Amer.	sh.	1175	Dec.	24 Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Twilight	5	c	Warland	Amer.	sh.	1263	Jan.	23 Lane, Crawford & Co.		
Walls Castle	5	c	Kennett	Brit.	bge.	620	Jan.	23 M. B. M. S. S. Co.		
Wildwood	5	c	Snyder	Amer.	bge.	1099	Sept.	20 G. R. Lammot		
Wilhelm Homeyer	5	c	Holtz	Ger.	bge.	512	Jan.	6 Carlowitz & Co.		
Wilfr	5	c	Hanne	Ger.	bge.	860	Jan.			